



# MEDI-CAL UPDATE

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## Medi-Cal List of Contract Drugs

The following provider manual sections have been updated: *Drugs: Contract Drugs List Part 1 – Prescription Drugs* and *Drugs: Contract Drugs List Part 4 – Therapeutic Classifications Drugs*.

### Addition, effective October 1, 2006

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Size and/or Strength</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
APREPITANT		
* + Capsules	80 mg	ea
	125 mg	ea
* + Capsules, tri-fold pack	1 x 125 mg	ea
	2 x 80 mg	
* Restricted to use in cancer patients and to a maximum of either 1) one tri-fold pack per dispensing, or 2) one 125 mg capsule and/or two 80 mg capsules per dispensing.		

### Changes, effective October 1, 2006

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Size and/or Strength</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
* CEFDINIR		
Liquid	125 mg/5cc	60 cc
		100 cc
	<u>250 mg/5cc</u>	<u>60 cc</u>
		<u>100 cc</u>
* Restricted to use for individuals less than 8 years of age.		
<u>(NDC labeler code 00074 [Abbott Laboratories Inc.] only.)</u>		
OXYBUTYNIN CHLORIDE		
+ Tablets	5 mg	ea
+ Tablets, extended release	5 mg	ea
	10 mg	ea
	15 mg	ea
<u>(NDC labeler code 17314 [ALZA CORPORATION] extended release tablets only.)</u>		

+ Frequency of billing requirement

Please see **Contract Drugs**, page 3

## EDS/MEDI-CAL HOTLINES

Border Providers .....(916) 636-1200  
CDHS Medi-Cal Fraud Hotline .....1-800-822-6222  
Telephone Service Center (TSC) .....1-800-541-5555  
Provider Telecommunications Network (PTN).....1-800-786-4346

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*For a complete listing of specialty programs and hours of operation, please refer to the Medi-Cal Directory in the provider manual.*



**OPT OUT** is a service designed to save time and increase Medi-Cal accessibility. A monthly e-mail containing direct Web links to current bulletins, manual page updates, training information, and more is now available. Simply “opt-out” of receiving this same information on paper, through standard mail. To download the OPT-OUT enrollment form or for more information, go to the Medi-Cal Web site at [www.medi-cal.ca.gov](http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov), and click the “Learn how...” OPT OUT link on the right side of the home page.

## Stop Illegal Tobacco Sales

The simplest way to stop illegal tobacco sales to minors is for merchants to check ID and verify the age of the tobacco purchasers. Report illegal tobacco sales to 1-800-5-ASK-4-ID.

For more information, see the California Department of Health Services Web site at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov>.

### MEDI-CAL FRAUD

## **IS AGAINST THE LAW**

**MEDI-CAL FRAUD COSTS TAXPAYERS MILLIONS  
EACH YEAR AND CAN ENDANGER  
THE HEALTH OF CALIFORNIANS.**

**HELP PROTECT MEDI-CAL AND YOURSELF  
BY REPORTING YOUR OBSERVATIONS TODAY.**

**CDHS MEDI-CAL FRAUD HOTLINE  
1-800-822-6222**

**THE CALL IS FREE AND YOU CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS.**

Knowingly participating in fraudulent activities can result in prosecution and jail time. Help prevent Medi-Cal fraud.

**Contract Drugs** (*continued*)**Changes, effective October 1, 2006** (continued)

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Size and/or Strength</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
‡ * RITUXIMAB Injection	10 mg/cc	cc
* <b><u>Restricted to use in treatment of cancer.</u></b>		

*These updates are reflected on manual replacement pages drugs cdl p1a 10 and 23 (Part 2), drugs cdl p1c 13 and 36 (Part 2) and drugs cdl p4 8 (Part 2).*

### Synagis (Palivizumab) Billing Update

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2006, providers may no longer bill for Synagis (palivizumab) using local codes X7441 (Synagis 50 mg) and X7439 (Synagis 100 mg).

In accordance with the provisions of *Business and Professions Code* (B&P Code), Section 4051, Pharmacy providers who purchase and then dispense Synagis directly to a physician's office or medical clinic for administration in the medical office or clinic setting, or to a Home Health Agency (HHA) for an approved in-home visit, which may include, but not be limited to, Synagis administration, may bill Medi-Cal through the CAL-POS online system, Computer Media Claims (CMC) or paper claims using the drug's National Drug Code (NDC). The physician's office or clinic will continue to bill Medi-Cal separately for the cost of administration of Synagis. The reimbursement for the cost of Synagis administration is included in an HHA visit, so it should not be billed separately.

All claims require an approved *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR).

- Physicians who purchase Synagis directly for administration may continue to bill with CPT-4 code 90378 (Synagis 50 mg). The administration fee is included in the reimbursement for the drug.
- Providers who meet the criteria for billing Synagis using the drug's NDC must submit TARs to either the Southern Medi-Cal Pharmacy Office by fax at 1-800-869-4325, or the Northern Medi-Cal Pharmacy Office by fax at 1-800-829-4325, as determined by the provider's geographic location.
- *Physician providers billing for Synagis with CPT-4 code 90378 must continue to submit TARs to the Los Angeles Medi-Cal Field Office by fax at 1-866-816-4377.*

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Remove and replace:        drugs cdl p1a 9 thru 12 and 23/24  
                                     drugs cdl p1c 13/14 and 35/36  
                                     drugs cdl p4 7/8